

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed June 21, 2007. Claims 46-90 are pending in this application. Claims 46-90 are rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case in view of the following remarks.

Summary of Interview

Applicants, through its attorney, Ryan S. Loveless (Reg. No. 51,970), interviewed Examiner Kuen S. Lu on October 3, 2007 ("Examiner Interview"). Applicants appreciate Examiner Lu's time. During the interview, Examiner Lu and Applicants discussed how the above claim amendments are allowable over the current applied references. Specifically, Examiner Lu and Applicants discussed the feature of information being collected at the same rate and either kept (if a predetermined event occurs) or produced to a reduce form (if no predetermined event occurs). *See e.g.*, Claim 46. Examiner Lu agreed that this feature is not shown in any of the applied references because, for example, the applied references increase a rate after a predetermined event. Given the above, Examiner Lu indicated that the claims are allowable over the applied references and "may" proceed to allowance, pending a further review.

Support for the claim amendments, includes, but is not necessarily limited to the discussion on page 11 and 26-27 of the Specification. If for some reason the claims are not allowed, as discussed in the Examiner Interview, Applicants are amenable to another interview.

Section 103(a) Rejections

Claims 46-90 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in the present Office Action over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0061091 to Amaratunga, et al. ("*Amaratunga*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,956 to Ehlers, et al., ("*Ehlers*") and IEEE Std 1249-1996 IEEE Guide for Computer-Based Control for Hydroelectric Power Plant Automation, 10, December 1996, The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. ("*IEEEStd*"). These rejections are moot in light of the amended claims because as indicated above, the claims in their current form are allowable over the applied references.

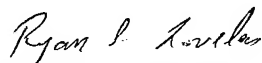
CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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